

ROCK CREEK REPORT GOES TO CONGRESS; \$1,400,000 ASKED

Purchase of 4,113,818 Square Feet of Land Urged by Improvement Commission.

IS 50 PER CENT REDUCTION

Immediate Advancement of Funds Suggested So That Work Can Begin Now.

The Rock Creek and Potomac Parkway Commission today submitted to Congress a report on the improvement of Rock Creek valley from Zoological Park to Potomac Park. The plan proposed provides for the purchase of 4,113,818 square feet of land at a cost of \$1,400,000. This is a reduction of nearly two million square feet in the area and \$1,300,000 in the total cost as compared with the plan submitted to Congress in 1911.

It is pointed out in the report that the Government already owns 43 per cent of the land necessary to complete this park, or nearly 3,000,000 square feet. This, added to the purchased areas, will make an addition of 182 acres to the District parkways.

Signed by McAdoo.

The Parkway Commission report is signed by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, Acting Secretary of War Scott, and Secretary of the Interior Houston. This commission report that funds be made immediately available out of the appropriation of \$1,300,000 already in force so that an acquisition of land may be begun along the entire length of the parkway.

One of the features of the plan proposed is the separation of Rock Creek and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal by digging a new canal bed through two squares.

In an introduction to the report the commission says: "It is seldom that a large city has an opportunity for effectively cleaning up unsightly and insanitary conditions for those appearing in some sections of the lower Rock Creek valley by the process of connecting two large park areas and creating a varied and interesting series of park features along the connections."

"Comprehensive plans have already been presented to Congress for converting East Potomac Park into a great public recreation ground; the drive along its shores is already completed. One may now enter a great park at Seventeenth and B streets and, by following along the easterly shore of the basin, pass entirely around East Potomac Park, and along the shore drive of West Potomac Park as far as Esby's point.

Becoming a Show Place. "West Potomac Park is fast developing into one of the show places of the nation, with its stately marble memorial to Abraham Lincoln, but after reaching Esby's point in going north we plunge at once into the chaotic condition of an undeveloped water front.

"From the Calvary street entrance at the Zoological Park there is a park drive leading through Rock Creek Park to the District line, a distance of about six and one-fourth miles, so that only the two and one-half miles of the Rock Creek and Potomac parkway is lacking to afford a continuous parkway drive of fourteen and one-half miles. If the drive of Potomac Park is included in this.

"Rock Creek Park, with its varying landscape of delightful wooded stretches and interesting rocky gorges, sparkling stream and peaceful open glades, has been open to the public for some years, and so has National Zoological Park, whose many exhibits attract thousands of visitors.

"There is no means of regular connection between these two groups except by way of the city streets. It is true that one may ride in the saddle or walk about half the way along a winding stream through an attractive valley, but the remainder of the valley in this intervening area is inaccessible even to pedestrians because its natural features have long since disappeared under great dumps of ash and city refuse whose steep slopes descend precipitously to the very stream's edge."

Reviews Preliminaries.

The commission gives an extended review of the preliminary steps taken to build this connecting driveway, which assumed definite form in 1901, when the commission on the improvement of the park system of the District recommended the open valley project. This commission was composed of Daniel H. Burnham, Charles F. McKim, Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr., and Augustus St. Gaudens.

Recommendations of this commission did not bring results until 1913, when Congress passed an act directing the acquisition of such land as might be needed for connecting Potomac and Zoological Parks, authorizing an expenditure of \$1,500,000.

Steps have since been taken to acquire holdings in the proposed park area. The present survey was made under authorization of an amendment to the sundry civil act of March 3, 1915, appropriating \$5,000 for the work.

The improvement plan is divided into four sections, the first from Esby's point to L street. In the 1901 plan there was provision for an overhead viaduct boulevard. This has been changed into a surface boulevard plan covering the space from the east building line of Twenty-seventh street to the established bulkhead line. There is an actual treatment provided for the section between the Pennsylvania avenue bridge and the river occupied by the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company and the Washington Gas Light Company.

Scene of Dumping Ground.

Section 2 covers the section from L street to P street. This has been a dumping ground for years, and presents an undesirable appearance. The bridges also militate against the improvement scheme. The report doubts whether it would be advisable to rebuild the M street bridge on its present site. If rebuilt it is recommended that the Georgetown end be diverted to Olive street.

Section 3 extends from P street to Massachusetts avenue. Rock Creek flows at the base of a retaining wall along Oak Hill Cemetery. The small valley at the north end of Montrose Park connecting Lover's lane with the parkway, the report says, would form a romantic approach, while the newly completed Q street bridge aids the contemplated project.

Section 4 extends from Massachusetts avenue to Zoological Park. The main boulevard would pass into this section by means of a tunnel through the Massachusetts avenue embankment and lead into the handsome part of the proposed parkway. A park entrance at the west end of the Connecticut avenue bridge is suggested. A careful adjustment of the road in Zoological Park

with those of the new parkway is suggested, so that the park's natural functions may not be impaired. The improvement plan provides for the complete separation of Rock Creek and the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. The project consists of digging a new canal bed through a portion of square 95A, digging a new canal and dry dock on square 102, constructing two new locks, and building a new sea wall. This work would cost \$114,000.

Scheme To Exchange.

A scheme was arranged between the commission and the Washington Gas Light Company to exchange contested and uncontested land in a manner that would not hamper the company and still would permit the construction of a parkway in a manner to meet all aesthetic and practical requirements.

The gas company releases to the United States all claim and title to 38,233 square feet of contested land valued at \$39,771, in return for about 41,122 square feet of contested land valued at \$40,132.

The Government also would release 54,306 square feet of land, valued at \$77,371, over which there was no contest in title, and the gas company would release 13,822 square feet of uncontested land, valued at \$21,794. This indicated a release by the gas company of land valued at \$43,832 more than the amount released by the Government to the gas company.

The report was prepared by Col. W. W. Hart, engineer officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and executive secretary of the Fine Arts Commission. That commission has approved the plan. Submitted with the report were surveys and maps showing all the land that will be taken in by the proposed improvement.

Lantz and Gidley to Speak Before Biological Society

Addresses on "An Early Seventeenth Century Mammalogist" and "Extinct Animal Life of North America" will be the features of the meeting of the Biological Society of Washington in the lecture hall of the Cosmos Club, Saturday evening.

D. E. Lantz and J. W. Gidley will deliver the addresses.

Luncheon at Church.

A luncheon is to be served in the parlour hall of Grace Episcopal Church, Georgetown, tomorrow by the Ladies' Aid Society.

PLAN CAMPAIGN FOR CAPITAL BABY WEEK

Preparatory Arrangements to Be Considered at a Meeting Tomorrow Night.

A "baby week" campaign will be conducted not only in Washington and 1,000 cities of the United States, but in the British West Indies and the Philippines as well. Plans for the local campaign will be discussed at a meeting under the auspices of the District of Columbia Federation of Women's Clubs in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. tomorrow night.

The Federal Children's Bureau has received from a woman's club in the British West Indies a request for information concerning "baby week," together with the information that it expects to start a campaign.

Similar requests have been received also from a number of Canadians, including the commissioner of public health of Saskatchewan.

Plans for baby week vary in the communities from which the Children's Bureau has had inquiries. Wisconsin has initiated a State-wide campaign for the care and proper nursing of prospective mothers.

A child welfare exhibit is being prepared by the women's clubs of Omaha and Lincoln, Neb.

A town in Maryland which will have a birth registration day, announces that a merchant has promised to give a toothbrush to every mother who visits the city hall to ascertain whether her baby's birth is registered. Another community offers a prize for the cleverest window display advertising "baby week."

OPEN CAMERON HOUSE TO WOMEN'S CLUBS

Flood of Requests Follow Order of Congressional Union.

Women's clubs and other women's organizations of various kinds will be given the privilege of using the Cameron House, the new home of the Congressional Union, as a meeting place. This announcement was made today at union headquarters.

Already a flood of requests have been received. It is stated, from small clubs and societies which have no regular meeting place. Two of the first to apply were the District of Columbia branch of the National Kindergarten Association and the Woman's Auxiliary of the P. O. E.

"The house is open at all times to women who desire to make use of it," said an official of the union today. "It is the desire of the union that the headquarters be used as a common meeting ground for the women of Washington, regardless of their attitude on the suffrage question."

At the home of Miss Estelle Hellman, 2804 Cathedral avenue, tomorrow there will be a meeting of the members of the Congressional Union who live in the Seventh precinct of the District. Mrs. Helena Hill Weed and Miss Margery G. Rose will speak.

Y. W. C. A. PAGEANT TO BE GIVEN TONIGHT

"Girls of Yesterday and Today" Will Picture Progress.

The Y. W. C. A. pageant, "The Girls of Yesterday and Today," will be presented at the First Congregational Church tonight. No charge will be made for admission, but entrance will be by card until 8 o'clock, at which time the public will be admitted.

The various activities of the Y. W. C. A. will be visualized in the pageant. The chairman of the pageant committee is Mrs. Frank G. Wilkins. Mrs. Robert Lansing, wife of the Secretary of State, is chairman, and Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, vice chairman, of the golden jubilee committee.

ARMY OF USHERS AT SUNDAY TABERNACLE

Fifteen Hundred of Them and 300 Doorkeepers Will Assist at Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Feb. 23.—If it should become necessary for the United States to send out a hurried call for volunteer soldiers next week, a regiment and a section over could be recruited from among the ushers and doorkeepers at the Biltmore Sunday Tabernacle. There will be 1,500 men who will have

charge of seating the people in the tabernacle. In this army will be 1,500 ushers and 300 doorkeepers. There will be 400 ushers on duty at each meeting, with 100 doorkeepers in active service and 100 others on hand at each service ready to take the place of absentees.

Each usher will have six rows of seats to handle, and will take up the collection in these rows. It is believed that the whole collection in the tabernacle can be taken in less than three minutes.

Firemen Called Twice To Fight Same Fire

Engine Company, No. 24, was called out twice within twelve hours to fight the same fire.

Flames were discovered in an old terra cotta plant near Stott's Station, D. C., about 3 o'clock yesterday. The engine company responded and extinguished the blaze. Shortly after midnight, the fire broke out again and the firemen were called back to the scene. The plant has long been unoccupied. The damage was slight.

HERE IS RARE HEALING POWER

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"Consistent performance," a term used by sellers of that modern wonder, the automobile, perfectly explains the success of another modern wonder, Poslam, the skin remedy. And with Poslam as with the motor, the power is there, and at your bidding sets to work persistently to clear your inflamed complexion, to eradicate your eczema, pimples, or any ailment that may beset your skin. Poslam soon imparts the hygienic effects of antiseptic medication with Poslam. Try it for Tetter and Itch. For samples, send 4c stamps to Emergency Laboratories, 35 West 35th st., New York city. Sold by all druggists.—Advt.

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Dining Room Needs			Buffets
Least Prices—Deferred Payments			Quartered Oak
Dining Tables	Serving Tables	China Cases	
Quartered Oak	Quartered Oak	Quartered Oak	
\$12.00 from \$18.00	\$15.00 from \$19.00	\$11.00 from \$16.00	\$14.00 from \$18.00
\$16.00 from \$20.00	\$16.00 from \$20.00	\$20.00 from \$25.00	\$20.00 from \$25.00
\$17.00 from \$24.00	\$18.00 from \$23.00	\$23.50 from \$26.00	\$26.00 from \$32.50
\$19.00 from \$25.00	\$19.00 from \$24.00	\$25.00 from \$29.00	\$28.00 from \$34.00
\$21.00 from \$29.50	\$22.00 from \$27.00	\$27.00 from \$30.00	\$29.00 from \$35.00
\$22.00 from \$30.00	\$23.00 from \$27.00	\$36.50 from \$46.50	\$30.00 from \$44.00
\$24.75 from \$32.00	\$28.00 from \$32.00	\$38.00 from \$47.00	\$31.00 from \$38.75
\$29.00 from \$35.00		\$39.00 from \$50.00	\$31.75 from \$40.00
\$30.00 from \$37.00		\$40.00 from \$55.00	\$33.00 from \$41.00
\$38.00 from \$43.50		\$49.00 from \$58.00	\$34.00 from \$42.00
		\$62.00 from \$78.00	\$37.00 from \$45.00
			\$38.00 from \$50.00
			\$45.00 from \$67.00
			\$50.00 from \$68.00
			\$65.00 from \$92.00



Copenhagen Blue Worth to 29c 10c

Meat Platters, Vegetable Dishes, Salad Bowls, Cups, Saucers, etc.

Sets \$21, \$12.50, \$7.45

100 Pieces \$20 Value \$15 Value \$12 Value

Dinner and Tea Sets, full service for 12 people. And note that choice is offered of a great variety of decorations.—Fourth Floor.

1200 Yards of Table Linens

These were contracted for before the late rise in prices. Patrons are asked to appreciate that they are being given full benefit of the earlier lower prices and that such linens cannot be duplicated.

64 Inches Wide

Worth 65c Today

49c

72 Inches Wide

Worth \$1.25 Today

\$1.00

Note the silklike finish of the mercerized linen at only 49c a yard—and the heavy weight of the 72-inch pure linen at only \$1.00 a yard.

72-inch Wide Linens at 45c Yard

The Maker's Mill Ends—in Lengths of 2 to 2½ Yards

Napkins

Only 500 Dozen

\$1.00

\$1.25 Value

\$2.98

\$3.50 Value

Dozen

Second Floor

Heavy Silk-like Mercerized Napkins, 22-inch size at \$1.00 dozen. Choice of 22-inch heavy Irish Linen Napkins and 14-inch Hemstitched Tea Napkins at \$2.98 dozen. Rear of elevators—on Second Floor.

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AND VELVET is its own best salesman in teaching smokers to want it.

It isn't possible for an advertiser to print or a salesman to describe aroma, smoothness and mildness. But you won't need any descriptions after your first pipeful of VELVET.

For VELVET has that natural mildness and coolness which belong only to the choicest Kentucky Burley tobacco.

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